

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3 remain in this application.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rogers et al in view of Pollack. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-3 patentably distinguish over the rejection of record. Rogers makes no mention of an address, much less an encrypted address in any of the sections cited in the Office Action or anywhere else that the undersigned could see.

While Pollack may have unique addresses, the disclosure therein typifies prior art devices where each device or unit has a hard-coded identifier which is applied during manufacture. The norm for network devices such as Ethernet and WiFi cards is for each such device to have an address (a MAC address) assigned to the device at the factory. Applicants' claimed invention however assigns and communicates a unique identifier into each device. While the previous Office Action said this was not persuasive, the Examiner is requested to set forth where these limitations can be found in the references of record.

There is no suggestion or motivation as to how or why one would apply Pollack to Rogers and even if one did, one would merely have a prior art device with hard-coded addresses, that specific disclosure apparently being absent from the references of record.

Claim 1 calls for the central device to be registering a remote location device on the central control device and "assigning and transmitting an encrypted address unique to each said remote location device from said central control authorization point and storing said unique address on

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said remote location device." These limitations are nowhere shown nor suggested in the references of record.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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